

Electrification of rural areas affected by leftist militancy

2802. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Rs. 270.72 crores is under consideration of Central Government for the electrification of rural areas and restoration of electric system in 35-40 villages in the leftist militancy affected areas; and

(b) if so, by when the sanction is likely to be granted to the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of power.

Acute power crises in the Northern Region

2803. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was acute power crises in the Northen-Region during the month of January, 2001;

(b) if so, its impact on Railways, hospitals and industries; and

(c) the action taken to pursue power sector reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Northern Region faced an energy shortage of 13.4% and peaking deficit of 15.4% in month of January, 2001. The gap between demand and availability in the deficit States was met by regulatory measures, power cuts on different categories of consumers. Priority is accorded to Railways,

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